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The Idlehour

Where Every Show is a Good Show

FRIDAY

a "Paramount" Picture

Florence Rockwell

in a picturization of E. P. Roe's novel

"He Fell in Love with His Wife"

SATURDAY

a "Triangle" Picture

De Wolfe Hopper

in

"Mr. Goode, the Samaritan"

Also a two-reel "Keystone" comedy

"Bubbles of Trouble"

SUNDAY

a "Vitagraph" Blue Ribbon a screamingly funny five-act comedy drama. Also

"Grant, Police Reporter"

One of the most famous women in America

in

"Patria"

The newest and best serial story ever filmed. From the pen of Louis Joseph Vance. A Society Serial with

Watch for the opening chapter.

MONDAY

Educational Film Co. presents

"Snow White"

a delightful screen version of one of Grimm's Fairy Tales. Entire cast of children.

SPECIAL!

This picture was secured as a special attraction for school children.

Matinee immediately after school.

Grown-ups will also enjoy it in the evening.

Shown with Chapter 7 of

"LIBERTY"**TUESDAY****Blanche Sweet**

in

"Blacklist"**WEDNESDAY****H. B. Warner**

in

"The Market of Vain Desire"

Mr. Warner will be remembered for his wonderful work in "The Beggar of Cawnpore."

EXTRA! EXTRA!!

The Alma College Quartet will sing Wednesday night.

County Correspondence

News of our neighboring villages as gleaned each week by our special staff of correspondents

VESTABURG ITEMS

By Our Own Correspondent

The McBride high school basketball team will journey here Friday evening, February 16th, to clash with the V. H. S. boys. Don't fail to attend the game.

Vern Sweeney is home on a visit.

The Current Topic club will meet at the home of Mrs. Edna Hubbard Friday afternoon, February 9th.

Mrs. Alice Caris went to Lansing Saturday, where she was called to help care for her mother, Mrs. Hinkie.

Ervin Dalrymple of Elwell called on Fred Reader Saturday.

Mrs. Albert Vance and daughter, who have been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ethel Marlin, returned to their home in Ithaca Saturday.

Charles Marlin was in Elwell Saturday.

George Byars of Lansing spent the week end here visiting Richard Hancock and Tom Caris.

Conley Stauffer was home from Alma over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. St. Peters and child of Flint came Saturday evening to visit the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe St. Peters.

Elder Youder spent Saturday in Saginaw having accompanied Mrs. Youder's parents on their trip to Detroit to visit relatives.

Mrs. George Peasley and son spent Saturday in Alma visiting friends.

Mrs. William Caris and son spent Saturday in Elwell.

Mrs. Eva Courser, who has been working at her aunt's in Alma, came home Saturday evening to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Stites.

Mrs. Mae Hilsinger and daughter of Elwell were the week end guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Corder.

Mrs. Kelley, who has been in Ann Arbor at the hospital where she underwent an operation, arrived here Saturday night accompanied by her husband who left here Saturday morning to meet her in Alma.

C. O. Sherwood, James Corder, Ira Evans and William White went to Greenville Tuesday to attend the Good Roads meeting.

Richard Vaughn went to Parma Friday where he expects to rent a farm and move his family later on.

Mr. Race accompanied the V. H. S. basketball boys to St. Louis Friday afternoon and from there he went to Mt. Pleasant returning here Saturday evening.

The flier stopped here Friday afternoon and the V. H. S. basketball boys and Professor Race went to St. Louis where they were losers of the return game with St. Louis, having defeated St. Louis in their game here.

John Bernius was in Grand Rapids and Dor from Saturday evening until Sunday evening.

Mrs. Net McGreagor of Deluth, Minnesota, who came to attend the funeral of her aunt, Miss Eva Brown, has been visiting Mrs. Alice Pifer and other friends.

Mrs. Will Malloy of Alma was a Tuesday visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Malloy.

Mrs. Alice Hadley of Harbor Point, who came to attend the funeral of her aunt, Miss Eva Brown, was a Monday visitor of Mrs. Alice Pifer.

Miss Gladys Harris was home from Six Lakes over the week end and was a Sunday guest of Mrs. Fred Cornell.

Miss Dora Perkins has moved her household goods into rooms in the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gillette, having rented her house to James McGillicivary who expects to move his family here soon.

Emory Howard and brother, Arthur Howard, returned from Dor Sunday evening where they have been this week on business. Howard and Bernius having purchased a stock of merchandise at that place.

The Indian Herb Tablets that were sold by Mrs. Ernest Manley can be bought of Mrs. William Caris, who has the agency. They will be mailed to your address upon receipt of \$1.00 money order made payable to Mrs. William Caris of Vestaburg, Michigan.

Ed Harding spent Wednesday in Saginaw.

Mrs. Bertha Harding is recovering from her illness with bronchitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Rhoades of Flint, who have been visiting the former's sister, Mrs. Beatrice Throop, and aunt, Mrs. Charles Green, returned to their home Saturday evening.

William Walker went to St. Louis Monday to visit relatives.

Seth Woodard was in Riverdale Monday.

Frank Cummings is recovering from his illness.

Mrs. George Dore of Edmore was a Friday guest of Mrs. James Favor.

Fred Mack, who has been spending some time in Hopewell, Virginia with his uncle, Elvin Turner, was summoned home on account of the critical illness of his father, Silas Mack, and arrived here Thursday morning a few hours after his father had passed away.

Eugene Lane left for Lansing Wednesday with a car load of potatoes.

PASSES AWAY

Silas Mack, son of George and Almira (Thurber) Mack, was born in Aubrey township, Hillsdale county, Michigan, December 16, 1864, and died at his home in Vestaburg, Michigan, Thursday, February 1, 1917, aged 52 years, 1 month and 15 days. His mother died when he was eight-

teen months old. In the year 1887 he was married to Miss Carrie Turner. To this union were born five sons. They lived four years on a farm near Fayette, Ohio, three years near Frontier, Michigan, then came to Vestaburg vicinity in the fall of 1894. Mrs. Carrie Mack died January 15, 1909, at their farm home near Vestaburg. The deceased was married to Mrs. Lydia Morrison December 28, 1912, who with his five sons, Paul of Lansing, Orlo, Fred, Othel and Laurence of Vestaburg, also one grandchild, four brothers, three sisters and many other relatives and friends are left to mourn his departure. He was a member of the Pine River Church of God and lived a consistent Christian life. The funeral services were held in the Disciple church Saturday, February 3rd, at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon, conducted by Elder Todd of Crystal. He remains were laid away in the Vestaburg cemetery. Relatives from away that attended the funeral were his sons, Paul Mack of Lansing and Fred Mack who has been in Virginia, his brother, Orlando Mack of Ohio, and sister, Mrs. Sarah Emerick of Detroit.

CARD OF THANKS

We hereby extend our sincere thanks to the kind friends who assisted us in our affliction during the sickness and burial of our beloved husband and father, the Union Aid, Mrs. Stearns and Miss Mayo for their floral offerings, the choir for their singing, the minister for his words of consolation and the Disciple people for the use of their church.

MRS. LYDIA A. MACK,
PAUL MACK,
ORLO MACK,
FRED MACK,
OTHEL MACK,
LAURENCE MACK.

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A dull and pimply skin is due to a sluggish bowel movement. Correct this condition and clear your complexion with Dr. King's New Life Pills. This mild laxative taken at bed-time will assure you a full, free, non-gripping movement in the morning. Drive out the dull, listless feeling resulting from overloaded intestines and sluggish liver. Get a bottle today. At all druggists, 25 cents.

AUCTION SALE

The undersigned having rented his farm will sell at Public Auction at his premises, two miles north and one mile west of Forest Hill, on

Thursday, Feb. 22, 1917

at 1:00 o'clock p. m. the following property:

- LIVE STOCK**
- 1 Black Mare Colt, coming 2 years old.
 - 1 Black Gelding, coming 2 years old.
 - 1 Black Mare, weight 1,500.
 - 1 Black Horse, 6 years old, weight 1,700.
 - 1 Red Cow, 9 years old, due in March.
 - 1 Hersford Cow, 3 years old, due in April.
 - 1 Durham Bull, 1 year old.
 - 15 good Ewes.
 - 1 Shropshire Buck.
- IMPLEMENTS, TOOLS, ETC.**
- 1 McCormick Grain Binder.
 - 1 McCormick Mower.
 - 1 McCormick Dump Rake.
 - 1 low down Kemp Manure Spreader, new.
 - 1 Miller Bean Puller.
 - 1 2-horse Twentieth Century Junior Riding Cultivator.
 - 1 steel Land Roller, 8-foot.
 - 2 7-shovel Walking Cultivators.
 - 1 2-shovel Cultivator.
 - 1 "99" Oliver Plow.
 - 1 Spring-tooth Wheel Drag.
 - 1 60-tooth Spike Drag.
 - 1 Studebaker Wagon, good as new.
- 1 old Wagon.
 - 1 Harrison Sleigh, good as new.
 - 1 Harrison Combination Hay and Stock Rack.
 - 1 4-horse Gasoline Engine on truck.
 - 1 big Saw Frame and 3-inch Saw.
 - 1 Empire Grain Drill.
 - 1 Top Buggy.
 - 1 Cutter.
 - 1 set of heavy Work Harness.
 - 1 Single Harness.
 - 1 Surrey Harness and Tugs.
 - 1 3-horse Harness.
 - 6 Horse Collars.
 - 8 or 10 bushels Mixed Hay.
 - 10 bushels Cull Beans.
 - A quantity of Oats Straw in barn.
 - 1 Hay Fork.
 - 100 feet Hay Rope.
 - 1 American Fence Stretcher.
 - 1 Oil Tank.
 - 1 Ge Whiz Grinding Stone.
 - 1 Emery Stone.
 - 1 Cant-hook.
 - 1 Post Digger.
 - Chains, Whiffletrees, Neckyokes, Forks, Shovels and other articles too numerous to mention.

TERMS OF SALE

All sums of \$5.00 and under, cash; over that amount, 9 months' time on approved paper at 7 per cent. Two per cent discount for cash on all sums over \$5.00. All goods to be settled for before leaving premises.

DENNIS FITZGERALD, Prop.

JOHN ROWELL, Auctioneer

FRANK DESMOND, Clerk

ANNOUNCEMENT

It has been claimed by many, and particularly in the public press, that rents in Alma have soared until they threaten the further development of the city, and serious minded persons are taking thought to what remedy can improve these conditions.

Among these vitally interested in the matter are the officers of the Republic Truck Company who are concerned not only in the city's growth in numbers, but whose own interests suggest that the additions coming in, particularly those seeking positions with them, shall constitute both a substantial and permanent citizenship.

Therefore they have taken counsel with other public spirited citizens and capitalists in Alma to the end that they might together devise some plan that would tend to reduce the high cost of rents, assist in permanent and substantial growth and upbuilding of the city, and at the same time justify those who will furnish the financial backing necessary for that purpose.

The result has been that Frank W. Ruggles, President; T. A. Burt, Vice President; Charles Rhodes, Secretary; and George W. Moore, treasurer, respectively, of the Republic Truck Company, and Messrs. Ira H. McKinney, Mayor of the city; Charles O. Ward, P. M. Smith, J. W. Blakely, Harry Gerber and C. V. Calkins have joined in, inducing Messrs. W. McC. Johnston and W. B. Johnston, extensive builders in Detroit and elsewhere, to join them in the organization of the Kensington Heights Homes Company, the purpose of which is to finance the building of two hundred and fifty neat, entirely modern, and substantial homes in Alma, and sell them on reasonable cash payments and long time to deserving and substantial citizens now struggling with high rents.

The buying of material entering into these homes in not less than fifty house-pattern lots, and for spot cash money, gets not only all the usual trade discounts and commissions off (which are usually not less than five to fifteen per cent), but also

gets in most lines at least twice that discount, so that it is believed that by taking advantage of these low prices, enough can be saved, in the buying alone and construction, to supply these homes to buyers much lower than they could possibly build them singly, and yet save enough also to justify those financing the enterprise in so doing.

They have purchased and laid out the beautiful forty-acre tract, fronting on Michigan Ave., at the east end of the city, into handsome boulevards, avenues and streets, which are now being opened up and improved. On Michigan Ave. will be built only handsome and expensive homes, on other streets homes just as pretty but rather less expensive, while on still others, modest little bungalow homes which, while inexpensive, will be just as pretty and convenient as those costing hundreds of dollars more money.

The first homes built will be such as are usually sold at from twelve hundred fifty to two thousand dollars each, but being built under these advantageous conditions, the low price of only from one thousand to fifteen hundred dollars will be named and the terms, only a reasonable cash payment, balance on long time with small monthly payments exactly as is now being paid for rent. The difference by this plan is, that in a short time you will own your own home instead of as now, when some other man is owning it and charging you rent for it.

Those contemplating buying or owning a nice home in a beautiful subdivision, where each will conform to the surrounding homes nicely, and where each will be the very last word in modern bungalow constructions, will conserve their own interests very largely by consulting Mr. Johnston, who is in full charge of the enterprise, at as early date as possible, as many of these homes have already been spoken for, and if the demand continues, it may be impossible to supply all as promptly as might be wished, or as many as might be found desirable.

KENSINGTON HEIGHTS HOMES CO.

W. McC. Johnston, General Manager

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